

Diamond Jubilee Celebration-2025

National Seminar on Sustainable Food Security

K S Bhargava Memorial Lecture

Alumni Meet Department of Botany, DDU Gorakhpur University

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On the occasion of Diamond Jubilee Celebration-2025, a National Seminar on Sustainable Food Security, K S Bhargava Memorial Lecture and Alumni Meet were organized in the Department of Botany, Deendayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur. As the chief guest in the program, eminent agricultural scientist and Chairman PRDF Padma Shri Professor Ram Chet Chaudhary presented his lecture on the topic 'India as a Food Basket for the World'. In the said lecture, Professor Chaudhary threw light on the status of grain production in India and their export and said that India exports rice to China, America, Africa and European countries. Talking about the Kala Namak rice species developed in this region, N-3, Dwarf Kala Namak and Organic Kala Namak, he said that the income of farmers will increase up to three times in comparison to normal rice due to its production. Describing Kala Namak rice as superior to Basmati rice, he said that it contains protein, iron and zinc in abundance. While delivering the K.S. Bhargava Memorial Lecture, distinguished guest Professor A.N. Rai, former Head of the Department of Botany, H.S. Gaur Sagar University, called upon the students to follow in the footsteps of Professor K.S. Bhargava. In his address, he emphasized on personality and nation building through education. He said that education develops knowledge, awareness, leadership development, knowledge of rights and duties, social harmony, global competition, humility, and a sense of equality. He asked the students to have good dreams and goals and to always be prepared for difficult situations. Dr. Ranjana Dubey, Under Secretary, Agriculture Education and Research Department, Lucknow, was present at the event as a special guest alumnus. Emphasizing the importance of patience and hard work, she recalled the invaluable contribution made by the teachers of the department. Especially mentioning the blessings received from her Guru Professor Ashwini Kumar Srivastava and Professor Kamal, she asked the students to always respect their teachers. During the interaction with the students, he called upon them to choose their own guide. While presiding over the program, Honorable Vice Chancellor Professor Poonam Tandon said in her presidential address that the alumni have to remain connected with the university to see the positive changes and developments in the university. While discussing the Central Instrumentation Facility in the field of research, she said that this will not only promote

research and patents in the university but will also develop the university as a hub of research. He also emphasized on connecting research work with the society and choosing social problems for research.

In this national conference, a total of 130 research papers from different parts of the country were presented offline, online and through posters. As the program convener, Professor Anil Kumar Dwivedi, Chairman of the Department of Botany, while giving information about the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, gave information about the formation of the Alumni Council. On this occasion, the souvenir of the seminar was released by the guests present on the stage. Dr. K. Sunita and Dr. Virendra Kumar Madhukar as program secretaries and Dr. Ramvant Gupta as program coordinator expressed their gratitude to the participants who joined online and offline from different states. Dr. Ashok Kumar thanked all the visitors for making the program successful.

On this occasion of the program, Prof. V.N. Pandey, Prof. Pooja Singh, Dr. Abhay Kumar, Dr. Rakesh Pandey, Dr. Rajveer Singh Chauhan, Dr. Smriti Malla, Dr. Deepa Srivastava, Dr. Tulika Mishra, all research students of the department, employees and Heads of various departments and journalists were present.